

1 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Before we begin with the
2 presentations, I'd like to thank in advance all of our panelists
3 who will be addressing this Commission over the next two days.
4 I appreciate the fact that each of you have made the sacrifice
5 to be here today and address the specific issues that you've
6 been selected to discuss. It's truly a service that you're
7 providing to the country through your participation. In
8 addition, I'd like to ask all of the panelists to, if possible,
9 please summarize your written statements when addressing the
10 Commission. This will allow us more time for direct questions
11 and for profitable dialogue between you and the entire panel and
12 the commissioners.

13 Commissioners consistently prepare for our panel
14 presentations and each is eager to engage in a meaningful
15 dialogue with you. With that, we will now turn our attention to
16 the panels which are scheduled for today and we will cover seven
17 panels in total while here in Las Vegas, three of which we will
18 hear today; sports wagering, neighborhood gambling casinos
19 focused on local clientele and gambling and employment.

20 As I mentioned, our first panel this morning is
21 entitled sports wagering. This panel highlights an issue that
22 has not yet been discussed by this Commission but it's important
23 to our mandate. Each of the Commissioners have already received
24 the briefing paper on sports wagering. Both of the background
25 papers for the site visit were prepared by the Commission's
26 senior report writer Doctor John Shosky. Doctor Shosky has been

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1 actively working on continuing the research and beginning the
2 process of writing the report. However, today he will address
3 the issue of sports wagering and with that I'd like to turn to
4 Doctor Shosky.

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